

COULDN'T FACE THE MUSIC.

Society Loses a Shining Member—Left Between Two Days.

Social and business circles were not a little surprised this morning to learn that a young Commercial street dry goods and notion man had suddenly sold out his stock of goods and taken a hasty retreat by last night's train, for California.

Such was the announcement, which is substantiated by the cold, hard facts.

The departed has for a good many years been a resident of Salem, where he moved among the "upper ten," with low necked shoes and cutaway vest. He conducted a popular business, which brought many of the best ladies of the capital city in contact with him. It seems that in all things he has not been conducting himself as would a gentleman bred and born. Gathering clouds have been thicker growing and downpours on several occasions have been averted but by timely interference. Respectable ladies were loth to have their names used in connection with his disreputable deeds and the insults have been borne. Several times have enraged and innocent women declared they would horse-whip him, but they were persuaded otherwise. But still water runs deep, and murder will out.

The explosion occurred only a day or so ago and was in this way. One afternoon this week a colored lady of this city visited the fashionable young man's establishment for the express purpose of purchasing some flesh colored hosiery. She was insulted, and told her friends of her insult, saying that the pet of society had made proposals to her, unbecoming one of his standing.

When the story was once in the mouths of society and of the common folk, all wondered why it had not occurred sooner. Many are now glad to add their mite. Evidently the young Napoleon of society was aware of this, and rather than face the music he sold his store and left between two days for pastures new and green. A wolf cannot forever cover its voice by a sheep's clothing.

IT MAY BE BLACKMAIL.

The gentleman by his departure, would seem to acknowledge that all was not well with his soul. But we will consider him innocent until guilt stares him in the face. He writes back this morning, en route to California's balmy clime, that it is a blackmail scheme, which he can prove. He says he has letters from the parties in the affair, demanding hush money.

Anyway, the gentleman erred in in leaving. But we shall see what we shall see.

He says he will return soon.

Sold Out and Gone.

E. L. L. Johnson yesterday afternoon sold out his dry goods store on Commercial street to F. A. Wiggins, late of Utica, Kansas. E. L. L. left on last night's train for California or Godknowswhere. He made up his mind to leave rather suddenly, and his hasty retreat may be surprising to not a few, as he moved among the "way ups."

A New Kind of Prohibition.

Lyonville is a new town on the O. P. Lyons Bros. are the proprietors and in making out deeds to the lots they invariably insert a provision "that the tract herein described shall never be used as a place for the sale of spirituous or fermented liquors." A wise provision.

Will Go to Ellensburg.

J. C. Long, who formerly resided near Sublimity but more recently in Salem where his wife died a few weeks ago, has purchased a large drug establishment at Ellensburg, W. T., where he will soon remove. They resided on High street.

Returned to Salem.

John M. Allen, Pearce & May's mulatto waiter who was arrested on charge of rifling the mails and taken to Portland, has returned to the city and is again at his old post of duty. His acquittal was complete.

Installation I. O. G. T.

To-night at their hall the Capital lodge I. O. G. T. will conduct the regular installation of officers, accompanied by a good literary and musical program.

Another Prophet.

The Yaquina Republican predicts that the Oregon Development company will within ninety days have a fine new steamer running to Yaquina Bay.

Another Lot Sale.

J. B. Woodford this morning purchased through E. H. Bellinger & Co. two lots in Capital Park addition. The consideration was \$500.

SALEM WOOLEN MILLS.

The Proposition About Ready And The Subsidy to Begin.

Thomas Kay of the Brownsville woolen mills and the owners of the Gray water power and mill site are in conference this afternoon. Definite terms of sale have been agreed upon and the contract reduced to writing. By its terms the oil mill site, including water power, is to be conveyed to Mr. Kay for \$15,000. The Gray brothers retain the strip of one hundred and fifty feet for building purposes.

This resolves the question of having a woolen mill into a simple proposition, namely: Salem is to raise a subsidy of \$20,000. If the citizens can raise this sum Mr. Kay will establish a five-set woolen mill here within a few months. He proposes building a mill which will from the first be prepared to do fully as much work and of as good a class as the Brownsville mills do when at their full capacity.

The contract between the Grays and Mr. Kay will be signed this evening. It is expected that the committee will begin the work of raising the subsidy on Monday.

The prospects of Salem securing a woolen mill grow brighter as the days glide along, and we are assured their establishment is but a question of time—and very short time at that.

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST.

Doc Shackelford, the Itinerant Veterinary Surgeon, Still on Deck.

Marshall Ross went to Portland this morning and is expected to arrive in the city this evening, accompanied by Dr. (?) R. S. Shackelford, whose innate faculty for getting into devilment has again been leading the Dr. along the broad and tempestuous walks. No sooner is he out of jail than he is again in the clutches of the law. He spent several weeks playing checkers with his nose and the bars here last fall.

This time he is called to answer to the charge of leading a young girl from the path of virtue, on information filed by F. M. Wright of South Salem, step-father of the girl who is straying from the ways of the true and the good.

The girl thus misled is but thirteen years of age and is a sister of Shackelford's wife, who has long been lost to the world. The old man has been with her quite frequently of late and on Thursday evening they went out for a stroll. They strolled and strolled and Friday morning the girl having not yet returned home, they concluded the pair were still strolling. Wright filed the information yesterday morning that Shackelford and the girl had occupied a room in a lodging house convenient to Commercial street and Marshall Ross was put on the track. The doctor had fled, but was at once located in Portland and will return to answer to the charges. In the meantime, the young Wright girl has found her way home again, ready to repent and be forgiven.

Where Breeds Disease.

Whoever may pass westward toward Front and First streets at any time when the breeze comes from the Willamette bottom must be depressed and disgusted by the odor arising from decaying vegetable matter that has been dumped over the bank to fester and breed disease all along the river brink. This custom of throwing filth along the verge of the river, practiced by so many thousands of people from Portland to the sources of the Willamette should be sternly prohibited. Every resident and visitor who may remain for any length of time in this region is deeply interested against it. The sooner it is stopped the better. If it continues, the streets near the river bank become non-habitable.

Some Gross Carelessness.

Talking of sidewalks reminds us how criminally careless are some people who stick a pile of boards up on their fence and leave one or more to project over the walk just about even with the heads of passers by, who may be knocked down or merely lose an eye or break a jaw. Leaving open gates to interfere is not much less careless. Stop it.

Musical and Literary.

The ladies aid society of the Christian church will give their musical and literary entertainment on Wednesday evening Feb. 6th in the Opera House. The best musical ability in the city is secured, also recitative talent of superior order. Program in full by Tuesday's paper. Miss Hallie Parish will appear on the program.

MORE STREET RAILWAYS.

The Directors Decide to Extend the Lines at Once.

Last night there was a meeting of the directors and stockholders of the Salem Street Railway Co. The object of the meeting was to decide upon the proposition of extending the lines and to learn the sense of the stockholders regarding the several propositions to construct the several extensions as proposed.

The directors were ordered to bond the road or issue additional stock for the purpose of meeting their obligations and pushing the extensions. They were also directed to issue the remaining \$10,000 in stock at their discretion. The Center street extension was discussed, and it is thought the \$2500 bonus for the extension of the line to Asylum avenue will soon be raised. In this event the line will be immediately constructed to that point and cars be running over the entire route by early spring.

The affairs of the company are in a most satisfactory condition and all are pleased with the manner in which the State street line is being operated.

The next six months will find great advance in Salem in the way of street car improvements. Already the people recognize their worth and are determined not to have the matter rest with but one line in operation.

A CONVICT OF GREAT NERVE.

Howard Will Cut off His Other Hand Rather Than Work.

The desperate convict, Frank Howard, writhing in pain from his self-amputated arm, declares that he will not work, even when recovered. He says he will cut the right hand off before he will do manual labor. He wildly tears the bandages from the left stump and causes hemorrhage to follow.

Superintendent Downing declares the man will work, even if a tread wheel has to be constructed at his personal expense. Mr. Downing says these mills are successful in other prisons in bringing obstinate men to terms. The mill is turned by water and the man who does not walk with it, stepping as the wheel turns, will be dragged under and drowned. The Superintendent is determined that Howard shall, if he again refuses to work, walk the tread-mill twelve hours each day or be carried into the stream and be destroyed.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

Daily transfers furnished the CAPITAL JOURNAL by the Union Title Abstract Co.:

Oregon Land Co. to Geo. A. Simmons, lots 6 and 7, block 5 and lots 6 and 7, block 6, River Side Addition. \$ 100.
G. Simmons to Mathias Adams, 40 acres of land. 1000.
Geo. Hubley to Percy Willis, 10 acres of land. 800.
Jas. B. Mooney to Woodburn Packing Co., 11 acres of land. 1600.

War in China.

A window was knocked out of a Chinese wash house and the Celestials had Ab West arrested for it. His trial came off yesterday afternoon before Recorder Cohn, and resulted in his acquittal. The trouble is not yet over, as West in turn had one of the pig-tails arrested on charge of assault. The court is hearing evidence in the case this afternoon.

A Hose Cart.

The deaf mutes are now exercising themselves in the practice of extinguishing fire, the superintendent having secured a hose cart and two hundred feet of hose. A plug has been placed on the premises and the boys will make good fire ladders.

An Old Favorite's Return.

Harry Dunn is in the city basting awaiting trial for vagrancy. Harry is an old offender and has been in the toils many times here. Hard labor nor severe punishment teach him no lesson.

Ready For Work.

George Collins, the Salem brick-manufacturer, has his new machinery now in place and will soon be prepared to turn out bricks at the rate of 30,000 per day. He has many orders ahead. The building boom is coming. Welcome!

Woman's most faithful friend is Oregon Kidney Tea. It is specially adapted to complaints peculiar to delicate systems, and works like magic without having any unpleasant after effects. Oregon Kidney Tea is a purely vegetable preparation and is unequalled in Kidney and Urinary complaints. Sold by D. W. Matthews & Co.

DON'T WANT FREE WATER.

The Salem Grange Asks the Governor to Veto the Portland Bill.

The Salem Grange is conducting its regular meeting at their hall in this city to-day. There is a good interesting attendance and the discussion of several topics was entered into with much spirit. The opinion seems to prevail among the members of the Grange that the legislature is taking the wrong view of the Portland water bill. They believe the passage of the bill as it stands at present will establish an erroneous precedent, giving all cities and corporations just reason to ask for the same privilege and exemptions. On this all important question they pass the following brief but emphatic resolutions:

Resolved, That the Salem Grange appoint a committee to wait upon the governor and urge him to veto the Portland Water Bill.

Resolved, That we are opposed to any exemptions of property from taxation.

LOCAL SUMMARY.

—Found—At 252 Commercial St., Speight & Souder. d 1 m

—The new railroad from "Salem to the Sea" is only a question of time.

—St. Valentine's day is fast approaching and "one cent" stamps will be in demand.

—The steamer Bently took on board 100 barrels of flour at Grant's flour mill last night.

—Our streets are lined to-day with farmers and our enterprising merchants are as busy as bees.

—Rev. S. P. Davis will occupy the pulpit at the Baptist church both morning and evening to-morrow.

—The winter Social Club gave a dance last night. There was a good attendance, and it was a very pleasant affair.

—The Alka-Hesperian society meets in joint session next Friday evening, with a musical and literary program.

—The CAPITAL JOURNAL is enjoying a boom in the way of new subscriptions. Come on friends, "the more the merrier."

—Real estate is gradually on the advance in the city. We know of a house and lot that has advanced \$300 in the past ten days and the tide is just coming in.

—Tis not all of life to live nor all of death to die, but you get more choice fancy groceries than you can carry away for a very little money at Squire Farrar's. Don't take our word for it, but go and see for your self.

—The merchants who laid in a stock of sleds and skates, and those boys and girls who received a sled in their stockings from Santa Claus, can safely put them away. Our weather editor informs us that there will be no snow, and that settles it.

—The fame of Salem has reached far and wide, even people coming from Illinois, Iowa, Missouri and Kansas know as much about our city and its facilities, upon their arrival here as we do. The reason of this is because Salem has some "wide awake" business men in it who have not spared the printers ink and the result of their work is just developing.

—January cannot be said to be such a fine month, for when compared with previous Januaries it shows the comparison to be against it, save only in the amount of rainfall. There were two light snow "squalls." Total depth of unmelted snow was three-teenths of an inch. The lowest temperature was 24 deg., the highest was 55 deg., the mean 39 deg.—Oregonian.

—Dogs are becoming a fast increasing population in our city and some of our citizens are protesting against them. There are a number of savage dogs running free that will hardly allow a person to pass by the walks after dark. Such canines should be kept inside of the owner's premises and not allowed to run outside and snap at passing individuals.

—Strangers coming into our city now, at the time Salem is at its worst, and remarking the beauty of our city, will see a wonderful transfiguration in its beauty and grandeur in two months. Then they will think as the prophet said of Athens: "Had God looked down upon us he would have thought it the New Jerusalem instead." With the flowers blooming forth, the trees putting on their shroud of green foliage, and the sound of the carpenter's hammers on all sides, will impress upon his mind that this as a city possesses both beauty and enterprise.

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